

April and May Newsletter (Summer 1)

I hope you enjoyed the Easter break. This term is especially important for our Year 6 pupils who will be completing their SATs. They have worked incredibly hard and have a busy few weeks ahead with a final push to give them more confidence to complete the tests to the very best of their abilities. We wish them lots of luck and know they will do the very best they can, which is all we can ask for.

Last term, we said goodbye to Mrs Leek, who has left to pursue new adventures working with adults, and Mrs Kavalieros, who has started her maternity leave. Mrs Taylor will also be leaving at some point in May, ready to put her feet up before the baby arrives. We wish them all lots of luck!



Online Safety

Helping Families Talk About Online Content: 'You Won't Know Until You Ask'

The government has launched a new campaign called You Won't Know Until You Ask. It is designed to help parents and carers talk to children about harmful or upsetting content they may see online — things like body-shaming, unkind posts, or videos designed to shock. Research shows that many parents have never talked to their child about this, even though most 11-year-olds now have a smartphone. Many adults say they are not sure what their child is seeing online.

The campaign gives simple, easy-to-use help, including:

- step-by-step guides for safety settings
- quick conversation ideas
- tips for talking about false or harmful information

These small conversations can make a big difference. They help children understand what they see online and know they can talk to a trusted adult.

You can find the campaign here:

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk>



Lockdown drills

As previously mentioned in a Dojo message, we are working to ensure we are supporting and following the recommendations in Martyn's Law which covers different measures to protect larger premises against potential (and thankfully extremely rare) terrorist attacks.

Schools are encouraged to practise 'lockdowns' and to take proactive and preventative measures to try and keep everyone safe. We have been practising lockdowns previously, but will now, moving forward, extend these to the next level by asking children to sit under desks and to secure classroom doors. This is not intended to frighten children, but to offer the best protection possible should school be placed into lockdown. This will all be explained to children before it happens and we will ensure you are pre-warned of the first drill.

To avoid any upset, please, where possible, discuss this at home with your children, so that they are prepared and understand that this is something we need to practise, just like a fire drill. We do not want to frighten or upset anyone and will create a reason for the drill that causes as little worry as possible.

Thank you for your support with providing resources such as toys, puddle suits and wellies so that we can fully develop our OPAL offer. This term we will be completing more training and an assessment of different parts of our grounds to extend the options available to the children.

Part of the purpose of OPAL is to also develop children's resilience and an understanding of responsibilities. The main aspects at the moment are ensuring that everyone takes care of the equipment, tidies away and also that they are responsible for their own items such as puddle suits and wellies. This includes putting them away properly and bringing them home. It's work in progress so please do bear with us! The PTFA have purchased some wellie storage for some year groups and we will be looking into buying some more throughout the year.


Dates for your diaries
Events this term

13 th April	School re-opens for pupils.
15 th April	Year 6 WOW
22 nd April	Parent information meeting for Year 4 Multiplication Check
23 rd April	Year 4 WOW
29 th April	Year 3 WOW
4 th May	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
w/b 11 th May	SATs week
21 st May	May Ball (PTFA)
22 nd May	School closes for the half term break

Proposed / Planned dates for 2026, to give you plenty of notice.

w/b 11 th May	KS2 SATs week
w/b 1 st June	Year 4 Multiplication Check
w/b 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Check
23 rd / 24 th / 25 th June	Transition days for Long Eaton School
24 th / 25 th June	Transition days for Friesland and Wilsthorpe
8 th - 10 th July	Year 4 Residential
16 th July	Year 6 afternoon and evening performance of end of year play
22 nd July	Year 6 party
23 rd July	Last day of term

INSET Days

1 st June, 2026

Thank you for your continued support. *Mrs Dainty*